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## **BREDESEN ANNOUNCES \$424,000 IN RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANTS** GRANTS WILL HELP 20 TENNESSEE COMMUNITIES MEET WASTE REDUCTION GOALS

**Nashville, Tenn.** - Governor Phil Bredesen and Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke announced today that 20 recycling equipment grants have been awarded for projects to help reduce landfill waste across Tennessee. These grants total more than \$424,000.

"I'm pleased we can provide funding to support the waste reduction efforts these 20 grants represent," Bredesen said. "This program plays an important role in our state's strategy to encourage recycling and to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into landfills in Tennessee."

Recycling equipment grants may be used to purchase equipment for new recycling programs, improve and expand the operation of an existing site or prepare recyclable materials for transport and marketing. Grants may be awarded to counties, cities, non-profit recycling organizations and solid waste authorities across Tennessee to help reach or exceed the goals set forth in the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991. Each recipient is required to match the state grant on a sliding scale basis. Local matching funds toward these 20 projects total nearly \$199,000.

The grant program was authorized by the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 and is supported from the Tennessee Solid Waste Management Fund that is administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation. The fund receives its revenues from a state surcharge on each ton of solid waste disposed in landfills and from a fee on new tires sold in the state.

The recycling equipment grants announced today include:

APPLICANT	COUNTY	GRANT AMOUNT	APPLICANT'S MATCH	PROJECT/EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION
Anderson County	Anderson	\$16,375	\$16,375	Skid steer loader, aerosol can recycling
Cannon County	Cannon	\$17,500	\$7,500	Box truck
Carroll County	Carroll	\$22,132	\$5,533	Collection truck
Claiborne County	Claiborne	\$20,000	\$5,000	Compactors, containers
Coffee County	Coffee	\$23,961	\$15,974	Can crusher, roll-off box
Dekalb County	Dekalb	\$22,645	\$9,705	Divided and open-top containers
Fentress County	Fentress	\$25,000	\$15,000	Box truck
Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, Inc.	Grainger	\$21,519	\$2,391	Roll-off trailer, roll-off container, paint
Greene County	Greene	\$7,500	\$7,500	Vertical baler
Hardeman County	Hardeman	\$19,997	\$4,999	Floor-mounted drill press, paint management
Hardin County	Hardin	\$22,680	\$9,750	Container

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Henry County	Henry	\$23,100	\$9,900	Box truck
Lewisburg	Marshall	\$25,000	\$10,714	Carts, cart tipper
Pickett County	Pickett	\$25,000	\$10,203	Skid steer loader
Putnam County	Putnam	\$7,980	\$5,320	Receiver box, canopy, paint management
Scott County	Scott	\$25,000	\$20,000	Baler
Smith County	Smith	\$24,259	\$6,064	Containers, paint management
Van Buren County	Van Buren	\$25,000	\$5,000	Roll-off containers
Washington County	Washington	\$25,000	\$25,000	Fork lift, roll-off containers
Wayne County	Wayne	\$25,000	\$7,000	Skid steer loader
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$424,648</b>	<b>\$198,929</b>	

More information about recycling equipment grants may be found on the Department of Environment and Conservation's Web site at [www.tennessee.gov/environment/swm/grants](http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/swm/grants).

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